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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PROJECT HOPE DIRECTOR

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1. ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12, DR. JAMES C. KING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH SECTOR ASSESSMENT TEAM MET WITH DR. WILLIAM WALSH, DIRECTOR, PROJECT HOPE. WALSH WAS BRIEFED ON PLANNING ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY TEAM AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, EGYPT'S MANPOWER NEEDS AND PROBLEMS. THE MATTER OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WAS DISCUSSED. DR. WALSH WAS ADVISED THAT A COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION DOES EXIST AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH ITS ACTIVITIES APPEAR TO BE LIMITED.

2. WHILE DR. WALSH'S DEALINGS ARE PRIMARILY WITH MHE AND THE MEDICAL-COOPERATION WORKING GROUP'S ARE WITH MOH, IT WAS AGREED THIS WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS OVER THE LONG BETWEEN THE TWO MINISTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE PROBLEM OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE PRODUCER OF MEDICAL MANPOWER(MHE) AND THE USER(MOH)

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IS SIGNIFICANT. WALSH WILL BE WORKING WITH THE MHE NOT

ONLY IN IMPROVING TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS BUT ALSO FOR

LOWER LEVEL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS(NURSES, MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS, ETC.). IN DOING SO, HE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SENSITIZE THE MHE(PRODUCER) TO THE NECESSITY FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE NEEDS OF THE USER (MOH). DHEW AND WALSH WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT AND KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED ON ALL ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA.

3. WALSH IS PLANNING TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MHE AS INDICATED REF(B). INITIAL ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD UPDATING EGYPT'S NURSING EDUCATION.

4. WALSH ARRIVING IN CAIRO SUNDAY, FEB. 16. WILL CALL AT EMBASSY TO BRIEF AMBASSADOR OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ON HIS MISSION.

5. THIS MESSAGE HELD UNTIL MINIMIZE LIFTED. INGERSOLL

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